



HOWTH YACHT CLUB

## International Moth

## Howth Flutter 2017

Organised by Howth Yacht Club Ltd.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 2017



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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 RRS 64.1 (a) is changed in that the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than DSQ.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board(s) located at the entrance to the Club, beside the Marina Office

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole by the gangway to the marina.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than reasonable time to access the sailing area'.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

*Date*

20<sup>th</sup> May 2017      4 races

21<sup>st</sup> May 2017      3 races

- 5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the number of races is not more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500, except following postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the warning signal was made before 1500.

- 6 CLASS FLAGS**  
The Class Flag will be the International Moth logo on a white background.
- 7 RACING AREAS**  
Howth Sound or West of Ireland's Eye
- 8 THE COURSES**
- 8.1** The diagrams in Addendum 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be 1000m-1500m.
- 8.2** No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3** Competitors will continue sailing the course until Code Flag S is displayed on the finishing boat.
- 8.4** Competitors will be awarded their finishing score based on the number of laps completed by them and their finishing position. A boat that still has at least a lap to complete when the winner has sailed the course and finished shall be recorded as a finisher the next time it passes between the Finishing Boat and Mark 2 from the direction of Mark 1. No additional signals shall be made to indicate the race is shortened for such boats. This changes Rule 33.2. A boat finished after sailing a lap or more less than the winner shall be awarded a finishing place behind boats that have sailed more legs of the course and ahead of boats that have not sailed as much of the course.
- 8.5** Legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 9 MARKS**
- 9.1** Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow inflatables. The outer limit on the start line shall be a red circular buoy.
- 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS****10.1** No areas are designated as obstructions.
- 11 THE START**
- 11.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 12.1** No change will be made during a race.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end and Mark 2.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**
- 15.1** Time limits and target times are as follows:

*Mark 1 time limit 25 minutes*

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**15.2** The target time for the first boat in all races will be not less than 25 minutes but the Race Committee have discretion to finish a race earlier if, in their opinion, the circumstances warrant it.

**15.3** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**16.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and Requests for Redress or Reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing for that day, whichever is later.

**16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Centenary Room (2nd Floor of the main building).

**16.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

**16.6** Breaches of SI 11.3, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 28 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

**16.7** On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

**16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**16.9** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

**17 SCORING**

**17.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**17.2** (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

**17.3** A boat's score will be:

- 1 point for the boat completing most laps and finishing before all other boats
- 2 points for the boat completing most laps and finishing before all other boats except the race winner
- 3 points for the next placed boat and so on

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of equipment, including that lost or damaged, will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for replacement should be made to the Race Committee boat and acknowledgement received.

- 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**  
A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21 EVENT ADVERTISING**  
Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA.
- 22 SUPPORT BOATS**
- 22.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 22.2** Support boats shall be marked with pink or yellow flag, which will be issued at the Race Office
- 23 TRASH DISPOSAL**  
Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Competitors are asked to reduce waste insofar as possible and to segregate and recycle where appropriate.
- 24 RADIO COMMUNICATION**  
Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 25 PRIZES**
- Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats overall.
  - A prize will be awarded to the boat which achieves the fastest verified speed.
  - A prize will be awarded to the best novice
- 26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**  
Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 27 INSURANCE**  
All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.
- 28 SAFE NAVIGATION IN HARBOUR AREA**  
Howth Harbour is a commercial fishing harbour and power driven vessels have right of way within the Harbour area. Competitors shall keep clear of such boats Harbour and shall pass all boats travelling in the opposite direction 'port to port'.

# ADDENDUM 1

## THE COURSE

Start – 1 – Leeward gate – 1

(Repeated until Code Flag S is displayed on the Finish Boat, no less than 25 minutes after the Start)

